

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:**

**CHAIRMAN BOB LAKE**, on January 14, 2009 at 9:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)  
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)  
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)  
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)  
Rep. Mike Miller (R)  
Rep. Art Noonan (D)  
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)  
Rep. Jon Sonju (R)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)  
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch  
Jennifer O'Loughlin, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Organizational Meeting: Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Coal Severance Tax

00:00:25 Chairman Lake announced that the committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays and described the work of the joint reappraisal subcommittee

00:05:37 Rep. Cohenour

00:05:49 Chairman Lake

00:07:08 Terry Johnson, Principal Fiscal Analyst, presentation on coal severance tax

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a01\)](#) Power Point Slide Show

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a02\)](#) Uses of Coal Severance Tax Trust Dollars

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a03\)](#) Montana Coal Tax -- Distribution Detail

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a04\)](#) Montana Coal Tax -- A Data View

[EXHIBIT \(tah08a05\)](#) Montana Coal Tax -- A Pictorial View

00:17:53 Rep. Butcher

00:18:19 Mr. Johnson

00:19:28 Rep. Butcher

00:19:48 Mr. Johnson

00:20:19 Rep. Sonju

00:20:33 Rep. Stahl

00:20:54 Mr. Johnson

00:21:13 Rep. Stahl

00:21:16 Mr. Johnson

00:26:47 Rep. Stahl

00:27:02 Mr. Johnson

00:30:42 Rep. McAlpin

00:30:56 Mr. Johnson

00:31:24 Rep. McAlpin

00:31:33 Mr. Johnson

00:32:37 Rep. Stahl

00:32:50 Mr. Johnson

00:39:17 Rep. Butcher

00:39:26 Mr. Johnson

00:39:46 Rep. Barrett

00:40:34 Mr. Johnson

00:42:13 Rep. Barrett

00:42:29 Mr. Johnson

00:42:42 Rep. Taylor

00:43:08 Rep. Barrett

00:43:42 Rep. Stahl

00:43:49 Mr. Johnson

00:44:31 Rep. Hoven

00:44:47 Mr. Johnson

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00:46:15 Mr. Johnson  
00:47:43 Rep. Stahl  
00:47:51 Mr. Johnson  
00:48:22 Rep. Butcher  
00:48:48 Mr. Johnson  
00:49:31 Rep. Taylor  
00:49:39 Mr. Johnson  
00:50:11 Rep. Roundstone  
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**EXHIBIT (tah08a06)**

00:55:37 Chairman Lake  
00:56:05 Rep. Butcher  
00:56:23 Mr. Johnson  
00:57:05 Rep. Butcher  
00:57:45 Mr. Johnson  
00:57:54 Rep. Taylor  
00:58:01 Mr. Johnson  
00:58:16 Chairman Lake  
00:59:05 Mr. Johnson  
00:59:24 Chairman Lake  
00:59:52 Rep. Hoven  
01:00:02 Mr. Johnson  
01:00:37 Chairman Lake

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:02:42 Adjournment: 10:05 A.M.

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JENNIFER O'LOUGHLIN, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([tah08aad.pdf](#))**